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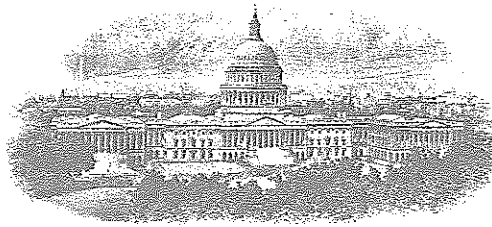
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The Honorable Mary E. Peters  
Secretary, Department of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Peters:

I am writing to urge your support for the Metro Gold Line – Foothill Extension as the project continues from its current terminus in East Pasadena through the city of Arcadia to Montclair.

The Foothill Extension is a 24 mile long project which will travel through 11 cities home to approximately 1.9 million residents and 30 municipalities. All 11 cities are on record supporting this project, including Duarte, Irwindale and Azusa which are in the 32nd Congressional District of California. Our communities have shown their strong support for this project and more than \$2 billion has been invested into development projects near proposed stations along the extension corridor.

The benefits of this project for our communities are many. Additional development could add \$1.5 billion in property and sales tax revenue for local cities over the next 30 years. The project could save 1.5 million gallons of gasoline each year and cut four tons of carbon monoxide from the heavily polluted air. Facilities near new stations will also benefit, including the City of Hope National Medical Center in Duarte, a world-renowned hospital and cancer research facility. The Foothill Extension will help accommodate more than 3,400 staff, patients and visitors who commute to the facility every day.

As a Member of Congress which represents three cities in the service area, I believe this project is an important and much needed improvement for our communities. I hope you agree and urge your support for the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hilda L. Solis".

HILDA L. SOLIS  
Member of Congress

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